

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 03/24/09 have been entered and made of record.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janet D. Hood (407-736-4234) on July 15, 2009.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 23 has been rewritten as follows:

A method for generating an announcement in the form of an information output for alerting a person engaged in real-time traffic communication to--be transmitted over a packet-oriented network wherein the announcement is also transmitted as a real-time traffic communication, the method comprising:
signaling a request for generation of the announcement, for transmission as a real- time traffic communication, an information output to an information output system;
generating a series of fragments which can be concatenated into an announcement;

storing the fragments in a memory system;

generating a series of creation rules in accord with which the announcement is formed from the fragments, wherein the creation rules are referred by the information output system in accordance with a relevant service request and retrieved from the memory;

storing the creation rules in the memory system; transmitting information about at least one coding method which can be used for encoding some of the fragments for the process of creating and transmitting the announcement, wherein the encoding is suitable both for output to the information output system and transmission over the packet-oriented network;

acquiring from the memory system a plurality of the fragments as information output components in a coding suitable for information output over the packet switching network;

determining a concatenation of a plurality of the fragments to form the announcement; transmitting the plurality of fragments to the information output system and then through the packet switching network in the suitable coding for receipt of the fragments at a destination so that a user can receive the announcement in accord with the concatenation, wherein

the memory system transmits creation rules to the information output system for determination of the concatenation,

the fragments information output component and the creation rules are stored in the information output system, and

the announcement information output is generated upon an information output request based on the creation rules.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 23-26, 28, 31, 35 are allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 23 is allowed. The prior art fails to disclose generating a series of creation rules in accord with which the announcement is formed from the fragments, wherein the creation rules are referred by the information output system in accordance with a relevant service request and retrieved from the memory; storing the creation rules in the memory system; transmitting information about at least one coding method which can be used for encoding some of the fragments for the process of creating and transmitting the announcement, wherein the encoding is suitable both for output to the information output system and transmission over the packet-oriented network; acquiring from the memory system a plurality of the fragments as information output components in a coding suitable for information output over the packet switching network; determining a concatenation of a plurality of the fragments to form the announcement; transmitting the plurality of fragments to the information output system and then through the packet switching network in the suitable coding for receipt of the fragments at a destination so that a user can receive the announcement in accord with the concatenation, wherein the memory system transmits creation rules to the information

output system for determination of the concatenation, the fragments information output component and the creation rules are stored in the information output system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHUONG T. HO whose telephone number is (571)272-3133. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sheikh Ayaz can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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